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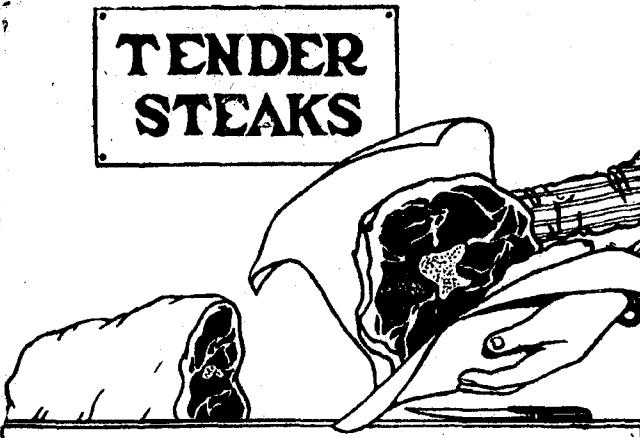
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### PI-PI OF THE TOY SHOP.

Beautiful Play Presented at Temple

By Local Talent.

Fi-Fi of the Toy Shop was presented at the Temple theatre Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week by local talent, assisted by Grenville M. Cooper a representative of the producers. Both performances were well attended. The first night every seat was filled and standing room taxed to the very limit. Scores of people were turned away at the entrance for the lack of room. This condition prompted the repeating of the play the following evening.

To say the performance was great would be putting it mildly. From the very first scene the audience was held in wrapped attention. The story of the play is as follows:

Bonnie, the Toymaker's daughter, wandering in the woods near her father's shop, at the close of the day, is overtaken by the sandman, who casts her into a magic sleep. She dreams a wonderful dream wherein the bisque and wooden creatures of the toy shop came to life and many strange adventures befall herself and the toys before the morning light scatters the charm.

ACT I  
Scene 1—Woods near Bonnie's Home.

Scene 2—The Toy Shop.

ACT II  
Scene 1—Toy Shop.

Scene 2—The Milky Way.

ACT III  
Scene 1—A Garden in Fairy Land.

Scene 2—The Woods.

The principal characters in the production were played by the following: Bonnie, the toymaker's daughter—Mrs. Helen Behike. Fi-Fi, a Parisian doll—Mrs. Olaf N. Michelson. Loosey, a rag doll—Mrs. H. W. Wolff. Ink Spot, a black doll—Mrs. A. M. Lewis.

Aurelia, a fairy queen—Miss Ferne Armstrong.

The witch—Mrs. A. J. Joseph. Bo-Peep—Miss Marion Salling.

The sandman—Mrs. Carl Michelson.

The doll's head—Miss Lilian Bates.

The talking doll—Miss Margrethe Baum.

The toymaker—P. G. Zalsman.

Man-in-the-Moon—Grenville Cooper.

Lieut. Tin Heart—Clay Hodgson.

Prince Lovelock—Thorwald Peterson.

Captain Barraclue—Holger Hanson.

A clown and then some—T. W. Hanson.

Solo dancer—Miss Marjorie Wolff.

These were supported by about 75 young people, costumed to represent jumping Jacks, toy animals, paper dolls, letter blocks, bridesmaids, flower girls and Christmas fairies, and ranging from young married ladies to tiny tots. It was all so beautiful and the parts so well taken that it is difficult to single out individual features that stand out more prominently than the rest.

There were many local hits contributed by the principals of the company, that caused much merriment and were exceedingly clever. Mrs. A. M. Lewis as "Ink Spot" the darkie doll, was the chief mirth provoker and kept the crowd in laughter whenever she appeared. Miss Marjorie Wolff, of Chicago, contributed some clever solo dancing.

Nearly three weeks of diligent rehearsing were given under direction of Mr. Cooper, and every single person connected with the performance is deserving of their full share of credit for the success of the performance; and the young boys and girls and the children were splendid in every part they participated in. We were fortunate in having in our midst Mrs. Carl Michelson of Mason who took the part of the Sandman. She appeared in the first scene when she sang "The Slumber Boat," and "Toy Land," when the toymaker's daughter, Mrs. Behike, falls asleep and dreams that the toys have come to life. Mrs. Michelson sings again in the finale, a solo and in the chorus. Each time her rich, sweet voice held her audience in complete ecstasy.

This was one of the most pleasing home-talent performances the people of Grayling have had the privilege of attending for many years, and will long be recalled as such by those who were there. It was given for the benefit of the Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church, and a nice sum of money was secured thereby.

NEW REGISTRANTS.

The following are the names of those who became 21 years of age since the last registration, June 5th, 1918. Registration took place Saturday, August 24, at the Court house in Grayling:

Hjalmar Mortinson.  
Clarence A. Bunker.  
Nick Fedosheik.  
Ervin Ingersoll.  
Harold W. Cimmerer.  
Ernest W. Olson.

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## ELECTION REPORTS COMING IN SLOW

NEWBERRY EASY VICTOR OVER FORD AND OSBORN. CURRIE DEFEATS COL. LOUD.

Returns From Townships Must Await County Canvassers.

The results of the Primary election of last Tuesday, everywhere seem to indicate an overwhelming victory for Truman H. Newberry as candidate for U. S. senator. While the election returns are not complete it appears that Commander Newberry has received as many votes as all the other candidates combined. In Grayling township the vote for senator was as follows:

Newberry ..... 104  
Ford ..... 63  
Osborn ..... 12  
Simpson ..... 4

In the contest between Gilbert A. Currie and Col. George A. Loud, the former is easily the victor. Grayling township gave Currie 118 and Loud 56. There were no other State or district contests.

In the county there was a fight for the nomination of sheriff on the Republican ticket. Incomplete returns indicate the nomination of Frank May of Grayling, defeating Ernest Richardson of South Branch. Grayling township gave May a lead of 92 votes while it is reported that Richardson had a majority in every other township.

Mr. May is a railroad man and very well and favorably known in the city. He is a splendid fellow and if elected will make a good sheriff. Mr. Richardson is not so well known in town and thus lacked the strength to pull him thru. This is his second attempt for the nomination and we believe another attempt will be more successful.

John J. Niederer easily won the nomination for the office of Register of deeds. His adversaries were Peter E. Johnson of this city and Oliver B. Scott of South Branch.

There was quite a rustle for the office of County Road commissioner. John A. Love of Beaver Creek was the only name on the ticket. C. S. Barber of Frederic filed a petition and was technically knocked out, as he failed to designate for which term he desired to run. He ran on slips for the four year term and was nominated.

Ralph Hanna, one of the present road commissioners was also nominated on slips.

A number of boosters for good roads believed it would not be fair to elect two members of the commission from one township. As Beaver Creek township had two candidates, T. W. Hanson was persuaded to become a candidate and opposed John Love for the six year term. The partial returns indicate that Mr. Hanson was nominated. Many of those that voted for the latter omitted putting a cross in the square before the name on the slip, thus the vote was not counted.

In the Democratic primaries Henry Ford received 23 and James W. Helme 3 for the office of United States senator.

For governor Frendsdorf received 11 and Bailey 10. There were no other contests.

It has always been, heretofore possible to publish a tabulated report of the vote of each candidate received in each township, but not even some of the county candidates themselves have been able to get anything like an accurate report of the election. We intend to have the figures ready for our issue of next week.

### REVENUE MEASURE DELAYED.

House and McAdoo at Odds on 8 Per Cent Levy on Incomes.

Washington—Difference between the treasury and the house ways and means committee as to levying of a three per cent differential on unearned incomes appeared to be the only obstacle to completion of drafting of the revenue bill designed to raise \$8,000,000 by taxation in the present fiscal year.

Steps toward bringing about an agreement between the committee and the treasury were considered at a conference between Chairman Kitchin and Secretary McAdoo.

Because of the temporary disagreement, Mr. Kitchin indicated that the committee might not be able to report the bill to the house before the last of August.

### \$2,500,000 M. C. Yards At Niles.

Niles, Mich.—Official announcement of the plan for what is to be known as the West terminal of the Michigan Central was made here by Howard Evans on behalf of the federal railway administration. The local improvement is to involve an expenditure of about \$2,500,000 and \$1,300,000 has been appropriated for the work in the 1918 budget. It will take about 1,000 men a year to complete the work, and about 800 men will be brought here for the operation of this terminal.

Sponge Industry.

The best sponges come from the Levant, in the eastern Mediterranean, and are obtained by diving. The Levantine sponge divers often cut pieces from large sponges, replant the pieces, and tie them to stakes to keep them from being swept away by the current. They soon grow at an enormous rate.

## ALL READY FOR SCHOOL YEAR

GRAYLING SCHOOLS WILL OPEN  
TUESDAY, SEPT. 3.

Will Open Under Fine Conditions and  
Splendid Corps of Teachers.

The school year for the Grayling schools is about to open, the date being Tuesday, September 3. Everything is in readiness and in much better condition than they were last year. There has been added a large quantity of new blackboards, a number of first class reference books, and four excellent sets of maps. A new engine has been installed, thus some of the difficulties experienced last year in this department should be eliminated. The new lawn is looking fine, and in general the whole school seems in first class condition for a pleasant year's business.

The teaching staff will contain 12 new faces, as only seven of the last year's corps are returning. Prof. and Mrs. Otterbein returned to Grayling last week, the others are expected to arrive Saturday. The teaching staff this year will be as follows:

Hirsh School.

Mikel Kehl.

Orla A. Hayner.

Lewis Beach.

Frank S. Harrington.

Edward C. King.

Bert Drinkwine.

William Jensen.

Alternates.

Clarence Earl Lytle.

Edward Hollingsworth.

John E. Deckrow.

As all the regulars were present it was not necessary that any of the alternates should go. As has been the custom in this county, a farewell meeting had been arranged in their honor. A committee arrived, before noon, from Mio, with a quota of six young men and these combined with ours, and listened to a short program of band music and speech making.

Prof. Otterbein acted as chairman of the meeting. After a selection by the band, he announced the purpose of the meeting and gave a brief and interesting sketch of the history of Germany and told how that country had prospered by war. She had defeated Denmark, and Austria and France and each time had exacted rich indemnities and taken over valuable lands and territory. Her wars were profitable, and therefore war on a grand scale had been prepared for. Forty years of preparation, building up the biggest fighting machine the world has ever known, were gone thru. The big event opened in August, 1914, and was to be over in about six months. Four years have passed and the end is not yet in sight. The speaker declared that at the present time the Germans were ahead, but the Yankees were close behind them.

The principal speaker of the afternoon was Edwin A. Goodwin, editor of the Telegram-News of Mio. His talk was brief, due to the short time before the train was due, but was very interesting and contained many thoughts that were new to the people of Grayling. As we intend to give an extended account of Mr. Goodwin's talk in our next week's issue we will withhold any further comments at this time.

Comrade Wm. S. Chalker of Maple Forest, gave one of his stirring talks, which always inspire patriotism and loyalty, and he illustrated his remarks with a few "pat" stories.

Sgt. Kalahar of Merrill, brother of James A. Kalahar of Frederic, was present and responded to a request to talk. He addressed his remarks largely to the young men who were starting out for camp. He gave them an idea of what they must go thru when they reach camp, and what will be expected of them when they arrive there.

Mr. Bates, secretary of the draft board, announced to the audience the sad news of the death of one of our Crawford county boys, who left here September 22—John Rosky. He was killed in action sometime in July. He had been working in a lumber camp near Frederic. He had no relatives that he knew of and claimed as his most intimate friend and comrade.

Hunting Trouble.

Hunting trouble is too fashionable in this world. Contentment and jollity are not cultivated as they should be.

There are too many prematurely wrinkled, long and melancholy faces among us.

There is too much swearing, swearing and slashing, fuming, foaming and fretting around and about us all.—Artemus Ward.

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## CRAWFORD AND OSCODA COUNTY BOYS LEFT WEDNESDAY.

Editor Goodwin of Mio Gave Fine Patriotic Address.

Seven of our young men met the call to serve their country in the ranks, Wednesday morning, and soon were duly organized and then awaited the arrival of the afternoon train that was to carry them to Camp Custer.

Every fellow scheduled to be on hand that day, personally answered to the call of the roll. They were as follows:

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## ESTHER'S CAREER

By PAUL FAY

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"Miss Moore, you have a wonderful voice. You can easily win a career with it." J. Edward Rulifson, instructor in vocal music, in a wide-awake western town, spoke with a warmth he rarely showed.

Esther Moore listened with a flush on her cheek and a brilliant gleam in her eyes. And as she listened, she smiled in anticipation of the honors she would win.

That evening Esther and Roland Lewis went to the theater together. For some reason or other, there seemed to be a slight difference between this and previous evenings. Esther was rather restrained in her conversation. Roland was plainly puzzled. He strove to dispel the coldness. But he was not successful.

A light supper was no more successful. When they reached her home, they sat down in the living room. For a while the conversation lagged. At last, Roland could stand it no longer. He spoke up impatiently.

"Esther, what on earth is the matter tonight? You act as if you had swallowed an iceberg."

She hesitated a moment, then stammered out: "I think we had—well, had better break our engagement."

Roland did not move a muscle. However, his face became as white as marble; his jaws snapped firmly shut; his lips were a thin, colorless line.

"Have you such a thing as a reason or did you forget to provide one for the occasion?" He spoke slowly, coldly.

Seeing the result of her announcement on Roland, the girl was a little conscience stricken.

"Really, Roland, I did not think you would take it that way. But Mr. Rulifson said I could win a career with my voice. And would you have me give it up and get married?"

"Not at all. Of course, a career is a great deal better than mere love. I wish you success in it. Good-bye!"

He got up and went out. Esther expected, yes, she hoped, he would kiss her good-bye, but he did not do so.

As time passed, Esther grew more and more proficient in her work. Her teacher became very enthusiastic about her. He introduced her into society, and she gave many private recitals. She was in continual demand for dinner parties. It was the fad of society to hear her sing. Musicians of note listened to her and praised her voice.

Thus, it was no great wonder that the girl's head became slightly turned. She forgot her old friends, forgot Roland, forgot everything except that she had a wonderful and successful career before her.

One day Esther's happiness reached its climax. She was invited to luncheon at the home of the most popular social leader of the town. Mrs. De Lamater was not only popular but wealthy. A man of foreign appearance was also at the luncheon. The hostess introduced him to Esther as one of the country's greatest vocal teachers. The girl sang for him. When she was through, he said nothing, but nodded his head to Mrs. De Lamater.

The conversation, of course, was chiefly about music. The musician seemed pleased at Esther's knowledge.

Finally, the hostess called Esther to her side.

"Miss Moore," she said, "how would you like to study a few years in New York with Professor Rulifson?"

"Why, Mrs. De Lamater, I—of course, I—" The girl stopped in confusion. She did not know what to say. The question astounded her.

The woman smiled and continued: "Of course, it is not compulsory, but I would like to have you go. Professor Rulifson considers your voice exceptionally fine and worthy of training. I will send you to his school until he says you're perfect. Will you go?"

"I would love to," Esther sank on her knees beside her benefactress. "How can I ever thank you?"

"By winning honors in a successful career. Be ready to start Saturday night. I will see about your wardrobe."

Esther left with her head in a whirl. She could hardly see to walk straight. Thursday Esther went to the home of her chum, Evelyn Havens, to spend her remaining time. Evelyn's father, being a clergyman, was at home a great deal and helped to entertain his daughter's guest.

Friday evening the girls were upstairs talking.

"Don't you rather hate to leave

home and all the people you know?" Evelyn asked.

"We—all, sometimes I do," the other admitted. "But you know, to accomplish anything you must sacrifice something, and when I think of my career, I just forget everything else."

"Evelyn!" Her father called up from the hall. "Will you and Esther come down to my study. He met them at the door.

"There is a couple here who wish to be married at once," he said, "and I want you two for witnesses."

They entered the room. Suddenly Esther stopped. For in front of her with a beautiful girl beside him, was Roland Lewis. It was the first time she had seen him since the parting.

"Why, Roland," Evelyn cried. "Are you going to be married?"

He bowed.

Evelyn's father introduced the girls to the bride, Miss Wanda Wright. Esther acknowledged the introduction automatically. Her eyes were fastened on the form of Roland Lewis.

The ceremony began. But it did not progress far. For suddenly there was a moan and everyone looked around. Esther had fainted.

A little later she opened her eyes and saw a short distance above her, the face of Roland Lewis. He bent closer. Her mind still dazed, she threw her arms around his neck and drew him down. His lips touched hers. Then, her memory returning, she pushed him back and closed her eyes.

"What have I done?" she whispered. "And you are married. Why are you here with me?"

"Esther." He smiled tenderly. "Do you think you could love me?"

"But you are married," she repeated, her brow wrinkled with perplexity.

"Just suppose I wasn't. Could you, Esther?"

She gave a sigh, then answered faintly, "Yes."

"Well, I am not." He laughed aloud.

"But who—who was that with you?" She still did not understand.

"That was my beloved cousin. She is engaged to my chum but she agreed to help me find out if you loved me. Even your friend Evelyn and her father were in the conspiracy."

Suddenly Esther sprang from the couch and ran to the telephone. Tearing the receiver from the hook, she gave a certain number.

"Is this Mrs. De Lamater? This is Esther Moore. Will you please tell Professor Rulifson I can't go to New York tomorrow. I am very sorry to disappoint you, but really I can't. I'll come and explain tomorrow. Well, you see, I am going to get married. Good-bye."

She turned and entered Roland's open arms. His eyes twinkled.

"What about your career, Esther?" She looked at him reproachfully.

"If you ever mention career to me," she threatened, "I'll never speak to you again."

He looked over her head and smiled.

## WHERE EAST MEETS WEST

American Buys Curios in Venice That Were Made in New York, as Expert Reveals.

Some years before the world war a resident of New York voyaged to Venice, says New York Herald. Among his fellow passengers at sea was a traveling salesman, whom he got to know quite well. What the New York man liked about the salesman was that he did not "talk shop." He had not even told his shipmates his acquaintances what manner of goods he handled.

The day after they arrived in Venice the salesman went out on business, his steamship companion sight-seeing. Among other places the latter visited was a fascinating antiquarian shop. Prices were steep, but what of that? He wanted something to take back to show "the folks at home" that he had really been in Venice. Finally he settled on a bit of Venetian glass, a square of gold embroidered Venetian-cut velvet; a tarnished gilt frame, and a silver-handled dagger engraved with the arms of one of the Doges. In the evening at the hotel he displayed them, not without a feeling of pride, to the traveling salesman.

"My friend," said the latter, "you've been very decent to me, and now I'll do you a good turn. Say, but you buying those things is a feather in my cap! We make 'em in New York and I'm over here selling 'em. I'll take 'em around tomorrow to the place where you bought 'em and get your money back for you."

The point of this story is that the bazaar keepers of Bagdad are sending to London and New York for oriental rugs and potteries to sell to British officers who entered the city of the caliphs with the victorious British army and want these things to ship back home as souvenirs.

"East is east and west is west, and never the twain shall meet," says Kipling. But when it comes to selling antiquities—who knows?

## War Makes New Demand.

The shipbuilding program of the government has enormously increased the demand for timbers, or "trunnels," which are used in wooden ships much as dowels were used in old-fashioned frame-construction work. They are huge wooden pins, from two to four feet long, which fasten together the planking or outer shell of the hull, the frames, or skeleton, and the ceiling, or inner shell. Most of the timbers used in this country are made of black locust, or yellow locust, as the tree is often called. They must be made of straight-grained wood, which combines density, hardness, strength and durability, which does not shrink much, and will not split readily; and locust is said to be pre-eminently the wood that fills the bill.

## How Vessels Sink.

Nearly every class or design of vessel is said to sink in a particular way. For instance, the old-type of single-bottom steamer, with few or no bulkheads, almost invariably founders on more or less of an even keel, which means that they sink level. The case of a modern

vessel, which is built with numerous subdivisions, founders with her bow or stern high out of water; or with a heavy list to one side. The bulkheads prevent the water which enters the vessel from finding the level, consequently when one particular portion of the ship is full of water, while the remainder is practically water-tight, that part which is water-tight sinks first.

## Adhered to Rules of Game.

The two children were engaged in a race round the dining room table and Elsie's screams of vexation attracted their mother to the scene.

"Now, Charles," she remonstrated, "you mustn't plague Elsie that way. Let her keep up with you."

"Aw, we're playin' clock," explained the ungallant one, as he gained another lap. "I'm the big hand, and that has to go the fastest, don't it?"

## Add. Palindromes.

When asked by a friend if he had any coal, Rogers gave a reply that is the same spelled backwards or forwards: "Not a ton, Bob, not a ton."

—Boston Transcript.

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## Matron's House Dress of Gingham



## BEING CLEVER

By HILDA MORRIS

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Quite a Scholar.  
Mrs. Kawler—I suppose, dear, you are learning grammar in your school. Bessie—Oh, yes'm, all about nouns and pronouns, verbs and proverbs.—Boston Transcript.

United in the  
Service of our  
Country.

## Smile and Take a Chance

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Cream color, worth \$1.50,  
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## With Our Soldier Boys At the Various Camps

Several interesting letters from Ser-  
geant Will J. Launder.

France,

June 27, 1918.

Dear mother:

I received two of your letters yes-  
terday, one being written May 26, and  
the other June 6; you can see from  
that, that the mail is not very regular  
over here. We have been moving  
around so much that I was surprised  
that I got it so soon.

I am enjoying the best of health  
now, and I like the place very much,  
but nevertheless the Statue of Liberty  
would look very good to me. However  
we can't think of going back till the  
argument is settled. Ernie is still  
with me and the drummer of our Jazz  
band is in our Company, but the piano  
player is in another Company, but in  
the same camp. We went over to an-  
other camp the other night and played  
at their Y. M. C. A. We saw quite  
a few fellows we knew, but not one  
you know. The Y. M. C. A. here is  
planning on sending us to some other  
camp some night and I certainly hope  
they do. The "Y.M." certainly have  
some fine entertainment here. We  
have "movies" twice a week, and lec-  
tures real often. Last night the St.  
Louis quartet were here and they  
were mighty good.

Our camp is near the village  
Mehun, France. It is a quaint old  
village with narrow, brick paved  
streets, and low brick buildings.  
There is an old castle there, where  
Jeanne D'Arc crowned King Charles  
VII. That is the only place of his-  
toric interest I have seen there so  
far.

I was very sorry that I could not  
let you know more definitely when  
we were going to leave the states, be-  
cause I could have had you come  
down, and especially when you have  
friends in New York City. I'll let  
you know when we are coming back,  
and you can come and meet me there.

I got a letter from Mr. R. Hanson  
with a check in it, for twenty-five  
dollars. I am having quite a time  
getting it cashed, so I might as well  
keep it. I made a fifteen dollar al-  
lotment to you to start June 1st.  
Let me know if you get it every  
month; you can put it in the bank, be-  
cause I'll probably need some when  
I get out of here.

From your loving son,  
Will.

July 5, 1918.

Dear Waldmar:

There has been so much going on  
here lately that I haven't had time to  
write but I am going to take the time.

Yesterday, the Fourth, we had a  
big parade made up of fellows from  
this camp. There was a clown from  
some circus led the parade and the  
Jazz band followed. Ernie had his  
banjorine tied around his neck. Then  
all the men dressed up in all kinds of  
costumes. One fellow was dressed  
up like a monkey, and a fellow like a  
grind-organ merchant. They were  
the best in the parade. We marched  
thru camp and then went to the town  
a little ways from here called Mehun.  
The French people did not know what  
to do. Some were scared and some  
laughed and had a great time. Then  
we went to another town called  
Foeey. It was just about the same  
there. When we got back we had  
dinner and then went down to the  
track meet. They had shoe races and  
sack races and stuff like that. I got  
in the 50 yard backward race and  
came out second (from the end). I  
was also in a pole race where eight of  
us straddled a pole and ran about 50  
yards. One guy fell down on the  
pole so we had to quit.

In the evening we went to Foeey  
and played for the mayor. His name  
is Pilowilly or something like that.  
Any way he has got a swell home and  
we had plenty to eat and drink. They  
are sure strong on wine and cham-  
pagne here in France. I suppose  
there were more parades than fire-  
works on the Fourth in the States.  
Last Fourth I was in Lansing playing  
at Pine Lake; I wish I could have  
played there this year, but may be I  
can play there next year.

It is getting too dark to write any  
more so I'm "finish." I hope you  
passed all your final exams O. K.

Your brother,  
"Bill."

July 9, 1918.

Dear mother:

It is the same old stuff day in and  
day out, so there is nothing much to  
write about; but this will let you  
know I am feeling fine.

The weather has been great since  
we've been France. The first day or  
two it rained and it was awful muddy  
but now the sun shines every day and  
makes everything fine. We go in  
swimming real often in our "swim-  
min' hole." We have two spring  
boards built so we enjoy ourselves  
very much.

Last night we had a banquet for all  
Fraternity men in camp and it cer-  
tainly was some banquet. There were  
about 60 men and ten officers there.  
We held it in an English cafe in Foeey  
and they served a mighty fine dinner.  
We had roast duck, potatoes, butter  
beans, lobster salad and ice cream.  
Then we had champagne to finish up  
on. Wines and champagne are quite  
common over here, more of it being  
drank than water.

Well I had better close, because I  
am in charge of quarters today and I  
must go and look around now.

Your loving son,  
Will.

July, 21 1918.

Dear mother:  
I have been quite busy lately so I  
neglected writing longer than I

should have. But you can rest assur-  
ed that I am well and enjoying my-  
self very much.

I received a bunch of mail the last  
time it came in and got the papers  
you sent. I enjoy reading the papers  
very much and I hope you will con-  
tinue sending them. I read the letter  
you had published, describing my trip  
from Hancock to New York, and had  
I known it was for publication I would

have taken more pains with the gram-  
mar, etc. The main object in writing  
a letter nowadays is to tell the stuff  
and pay no attention to grammar.

Ernie and I went to a town called  
Bourges yesterday. It is a city of  
about 50,000 population. I am send-  
ing a couple of post cards I bought  
there. I have a great many more  
which I will show you when I get  
home, but these will give you some  
idea of the town. (Note the peculiar  
trolley on the street car).

The city is about 25 miles from  
here and it only costs 45 centimes or  
9 cents to go there on the train. We  
arrived there about 9:00 o'clock and  
spent the morning looking around.  
We went out and saw the Cathedra  
La Tour. It is one of the most beau-  
tiful buildings I ever saw. It is about  
500 feet high and I have no idea how  
much space it occupies. My vocabu-  
lary is far too small to begin to de-  
scribe its beauty. We bought a lot of  
things including post cards and small  
articles of clothing that we have  
and got back in camp just in time for  
taps.

I don't believe I ever told you about  
the way trains run here, or rather  
the way you travel. You buy your  
ticket before you get on the train and  
keep it until you get off. Then as  
you pass out a fellow takes your tick-  
et. There are three classes of coach-  
es—1st, 2nd and 3rd. Nearly every-  
one travels third class, and only a  
few second, and practically no one  
first class. There is nothing to pre-  
vent one from buying a 3rd class  
ticket and riding 1st class.

Well I have some notes to write up  
so I had better get at them, and get  
it over with.

Your loving son,  
Will.

July 28, 1918.

Dear Waldmar:

Received your letter with mother's  
a day or so ago, and Sunday is the  
best time to answer letters so here is  
the answer.

It is quite warm here today, but it  
was rather chilly last night. It has  
been raining here off and on for sev-  
eral days. I have been wearing my  
rubber boots nearly every day. We  
had boots issued to us after we were  
here a while.

There is not much doing here in  
our camp just now, so there is very  
little to write about. Some of the  
boys are leaving the Company, but  
the Jazz band is still together. We  
played in the "Y" last night, when  
the pictures failed to come. You  
know we have regular "movies" over  
here. The other night they had  
Frank Daniels in "Crocky." I had  
seen it before, but it was good to look  
at. Bill Hart comes to our camp on  
the screen every once in a while. We  
also have some of the best musicians  
in France pay us visits. The Y. M.  
C. A. certainly do more than their  
share in the entertainment line. I  
just finished playing a game of bill-  
iards here in the "Y."

Tonight our band is going to another  
camp to play for the dedication of  
their new, Y. M. C. A. We will prob-  
ably see some fellows we know be-  
cause a bunch of new men came in  
yesterday.

I suppose you are working real  
hard every day fixing machines.

The ladies at the chateau are giv-  
ing a little tea for the boys and it is  
nearly time for it to start, so I must  
be getting over.

Your big brother,  
"Bill."

Letter from C. E. Barber.

Great Lakes, Ill.,  
August 8, 1918.

My dear Mother and all:

Your letter was just received, so  
I will now answer right back. You  
see each company has certain days of  
duty, that is in the laundry, street  
cleaning, picking up garbage,  
swabbing decks, cleaning hospitals,  
messengers' duties and such work;  
each one of us are chosen for some  
kind of work. This morning ten of us  
had to go to a big ravine and around  
the "Y" and mess hall and pick up  
all paper, tin cans, matches, etc.; we  
got thru at 9:45 and have done nothing  
since. Tomorrow we have to work in  
the kitchen. For dinner today we  
had three slices of bread, 5 big  
slices of boiled ham, 3 potatoes, choc-  
olate pudding, cold tea and a peach;  
and we always get wheat bread too.

When I told you about the clothes  
we got I forgot to tell you we each  
got a blue wool sweater and a cap to  
match, also a pea coat that is a short  
blue overcoat. We are all uniformed  
in white here while in detention.

Now I will tell you our work on a  
drill day. We get up at 6:00, all cooks  
are pulled out of the tents, all bunks  
have to be in order and the ticks and  
blankets rolled. Our tents then have  
to be rolled up; and out tent floor  
popped up and scrubbed. Wash and  
dress ourselves by 6:45. There are  
three of us to a tent. Then we fall in  
and march to the drill field for an  
hour of physical exercise, after which  
we march back and line up for show.  
Then fall in again at 7:45 and drill  
until 11:30 a.m.; back again to line  
up for show. Fall in again at 1:00 p.m.,  
drill till 4:30; then we fall out and  
do our washing from then until 6:00  
of course chow at 6:00. We have to

be in bed at 9:00 and cannot talk any  
after that. A fellow in the tent next  
to ours was talking one night and he  
had to get up and dress and go and  
scrub for an hour; believe me I kept  
pretty quiet. Don't worry about my  
cold mother as I haven't any. We are  
not allowed any patent medicines, so  
I can't have Musterole. Whenever  
any of us don't feel well all we have  
to do is fall out and go to the hos-  
pital.

We have had drill practice with ri-  
fles already; it is interesting and I like  
it fine, only on windy days the dust  
is awfully bad, and it is so hard to  
keep white suits clean. You see we  
are kept here in detention or quaran-  
tine for 21 days; I have been here 7  
days today, 14 more days to serve.

You asked me why I took fireman;

I had to take it to get in, as they would  
not take any others for a month or  
more yet. The ships are about all  
fired with oil so it won't be so bad.

We are in reserve, so soon or shortly  
after the war is over we will be free

again, only subject to call. We don't  
get any pay for three months. I get

\$36 a month and my clothes; they  
give us \$102 worth of clothes, outside

of that we have to buy our own.

My shoes fit me fine and I am thankful

for that; I won't be able to wear my

blue uniform much until I get out of

detention. It is real warm here some

days 104 in the shade. Our com-  
manders are all good fellows, but of

course cranky.

They gave me a testament at the

Y. M. C. A. and I am reading it when-

ever I get a chance, and am t-

o do what is right. All tents, gates,

and posts are guarded night and day,

in two hour shifts. I had a trial at

it the other day. Some days three



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**A. M. LEWIS, YOUR DRUGGIST**

Phone Eighteen

**Local News**

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, AUG. 29

Additional local news will be found on the last page.

Mrs. R. J. Heath left Monday to visit relatives in Flint.

Mrs. Joseph Hale and baby son returned Saturday to their home in Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Russell of Gaylord spent Sunday at the Charles Schreck home.

Marshall Holiday is entertaining his cousin, Earl Holiday of St. Charles for a couple of weeks.

Edward Gierke and Miss Elsa Mae Gierke left Saturday to spend a couple of weeks vacation with relatives in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Baker of Midland, have been spending the week with Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bennett.

Skaters at the Pastime roller rink Monday night, Sept. 2, will get a chance to pitch the Kaiser into eternity in the same rotation as they rent their skates. Three dollars in prizes.

Willard C. Campbell of Mt. Pleasant is here visiting his wife who has been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson at the latter's cottage at Lake Margrethe.

Mrs. M. A. Bates left Saturday night for Pontiac, accompanying her little granddaughter, Elizabeth Jerome who spent the summer at the Bates home to her home in Pontiac. Mrs. Bates will spend the week in that city.

A girl was asked to parse "kiss," and this was her result: "This word is a noun, but it is usually used as a conjunction. It is never declined and is more common than proper. It is not very singular, in that it is usually used in the plural. It agrees with me."

Miss Margaret Joseph, who will teach Mathematics and physics in the schools at Horicon, Wisconsin, the coming year, left Monday for that place, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Joseph. Mr. Joseph will go to Chicago and other cities during his absence to purchase fall and winter goods for the Grayling Mercantile Company.

**Before the School Bell Rings**

See to it that your children's eyes are examined.

Don't handicap them in their studies. Play safe.

Glasses may or may not be necessary. We can tell you.

It's better to know than to guess.

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**SERVICE CLEANLINESS QUALITY**

**FRANK LAMOTTE, Proprietor**

We will be sending 100 pieces dinner sets to **SORENSEN BROS.** Village taxes are now due. They are payable at the Bank of Grayling. Miss Wilma Spies of Lansing is visiting Miss Hilda Sivrls for a few days.

The Germans must surely understand by now what a Yankin' consists of.

Miss Lucy LaRue of Bay City is visiting her sister Mrs. Glen Owens for a week.

Frank Woodruff and family are moving to Bay City this week to take up their residence.

William Fitzgerald, employed at the duPont plant, is spending a couple of weeks at his home in Summit, Mich.

W. A. McNeal's sister, who makes her home with her brother, and whose mind has become mentally deranged, is still very ill.

Miss Cleo Richardson of Beaver Creek spent Sunday at the home of Claude Barber in Flint.

Who said Card folding tables? We now have a big stock of plain and felt-covered tops, in several sizes-round and square. Sorenson Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber of Frederick, received a card last Saturday, stating that their son Ernest had arrived safely overseas.

Frank Barber and family and Will Barber and wife spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mortenson in Beaver Creek.

Guy Peterson left Saturday for Bay City to take up his position with the M. C. R. R. His work will center along the Mackinaw division.

Kaiser Bill will get his just deserts Monday night, Sept. 2, at the Pastime roller rink, when some skater slams him into eternity. Three dollars in prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Burrows and Mrs. A. Trudeau returned last week Wednesday from an auto trip to Cheboygan, where they spent a few days visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jackson and children of Saginaw have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Welsh for several days at Lake Margrethe. They returned home Monday.

C. T. Clark, manager of the Bay City and Grayling du Pont plants, and Mr. Ford, head chemist for the combined du Pont interests, were in the city on business first of the week.

An additional still-house is under course of construction at the du Pont plant. The ground space is only 16x16 feet in dimensions, but it towers forty feet high. The structure is nearly complete—the roof is on and it is being sided.

Issac Piper and wife and their son and his wife and little son of near Lansing, autoed to the home of Mrs. Piper's sister, Mrs. Perry Ostrander last week. They also visited at the homes of Frank Whipple and Charles Waldron of this city.

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The Class in Applied Christianity will hold its first meeting of the year next Sunday, September 1, at 11:45 at Danebod hall. The study of the Bible will form the basis of round table discussions at the weekly meetings this year. These discussions will begin about Sept. 15 or 22. Next Sunday, "The Future of the Christian Church," as described by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., on pages 201-202 of the August Review of Reviews, will be discussed. Our community will be constantly born in mind. You are urged to express your opinions on sociological and religious questions freely. A feeling of comradeship and fraternity has rapidly developed in the class. The Class invites you cordially. Come, be with us.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs and daughter Verna, drove to West Branch Sunday.

Reed hamper just received. Nice, medium size, good quality reed, at a reasonable price. Sorenson Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Foreman and daughter Miss Marie left yesterday morning on an auto trip to Grand Rapids.

Mr. Robert Haman of Detroit, and Mrs. Axel Philip of Bay City are guests of their brother George E. Smith and family.

Mr. Frank Biggs and son Howard of William Biggs, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Biggs of Lansing, are spending the week at the home of George Biggs.

Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Palmer are enjoying a few days vacation at Hudson, Hillsdale and Pittsford. The Doctor is also looking after some legal matters while away.

Frank G. Walton of Bay City, former prosecuting attorney of Crawford county, was in the city over Sunday as a visitor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. R. Keyport.

Angus McPhee has given up his work at the John Larson Soft drink parlors and accepted a position in the Michigan Central railroad repair department. He began his work at the latter place last Monday.

Mrs. Bert Debrane entertained a number of little children at her home last week Wednesday, in honor of the birthday anniversary of her little daughter Betty Jane, who is three years old that day. Betty Jane received many pretty remembrances from her little friends.

"Lest We Forget" that was given at the Opera house last week Wednesday night, under auspices of the Hospital Aid society, was a grand success in every way. Financially it netted the Society \$211.68. This amount has been turned over to Mercy hospital. The committee in charge of the affair wish to thank the public for their generous patronage, and also Mr. Olson for putting on the play.

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Rufus Edmunds and family of Maple Forest were Sunday callers here. While here Miss Ruth Edmunds accepted the position of teacher in our school, and will begin work Tuesday, September 3rd.

Fred Hartman installed a telephone in his home last week.

Mr. George Pearsall, Jr., of Kenton Ohio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Knight.

Prayer meeting will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cosand.

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School days will be here very soon. Get your boy a Best-Ever Suit; they are the most serviceable clothes for hard wear you can get.



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We are showing the new fall models in scrubs, fancy mixtures and corduroys, also an all wool officers' khaki.

85c to \$1.75

Boys' Blouses—

50c and 75c



## THE BLANKET SEASON IS NOW HERE

We are placing on sale for the next ten days 200 pairs cotton and wool blankets and 50 comforters. We placed an order for these last March and since then they have in many instances advanced one-half. We urge you to get what you need for this winter during this sale. Later on they will be higher and very scarce.

### Crib Blankets—

75c and \$1.00

### Cotton Blankets—

\$2.50, 2.75, 4.00, \$5.50

### Woolnap Blankets—

\$5.00

### Wool Blankets—

\$10.



## Packers' Profits Are Regulated

The public should understand that the profits of the packers have been limited by the Food Administration since November 1, 1917. For this purpose, the business of Swift & Company is now divided into three classes:

**Class 1** includes such products as beef, pork, mutton, oleomargarine and others that are essentially animal products. Profits are limited to 9 per cent of the capital employed in these departments, (including surplus and borrowed money), or not to exceed two and a half cents on each dollar of sales.

**Class 2** includes the soap, glue, fertilizer, and other departments more or less associated with the meat business. Many of these departments are in competition with outside businesses whose profits are not limited. Profits in this class are restricted to 15 per cent of the capital employed.

**Class 3** includes outside investments, such as those in stock yards, and the operation of packing plants in foreign countries. Profits in this class are not limited.

Total profits for all departments together in 1918 will probably be between three and four per cent on an increased volume of sales.

The restrictions absolutely guarantee a reasonable relation between live stock prices and wholesale meat prices, because the packer's profit cannot possibly average more than a fraction of a cent per pound of product.

Since the profits on meat (Class 1) are running only about 2 cents on each dollar of sales, we have to depend on the profits from soap, glue, fertilizer (Class 2, also limited) and other departments, (Class 3) to obtain reasonable earnings on capital.

Swift & Company is conducting its business so as to come within these limitations.

**Swift & Company, U. S. A.**

### MOST GOLFERS WILL SAY SO

Only One Classification for Player Who Would Make Such a Claim as That.

"Pa," said Tommy, who had caddied one afternoon at one of the golf clubs, "is a man a good golfer if he knocks the ball one hundred and twenty-five yards?"

"Just a novice, my son."

"Well, if he knocks the ball two hundred and fifty yards?"

"Mighty good! He's mighty good if he can do that, my boy."

"Well, pa, what if he knocks it two hundred and seventy-five yards?"

"He's a splendid player, Tommy," replied pa, as he once more fastened his eye on the newspaper.

"Well, pa, what if he knocked the ball three hundred and twenty-five yards—what would he be then?"

"Probably a liar, my son. Now you had better kiss mamma and go to bed."

### War-Time Seesaws.

The Tommies describe those big belts of steel that are sawed in half to make arched roofs for dugouts as "elephant iron." The French gamins describe them as "rockers." Whenever two youths of France discover one of these half sections on its back with the ends sticking up, they balance a plank across it and merrily proceed to seesaw.

### The Efficient War Garden.

The national war garden commission of Washington has offered prizes of \$10,000 in thrift stamps for "the best canned vegetables grown in war gardens." "Any canned vegetables growing out of your garden these days?" asks the Joplin Globe.

### His Luck.

"Did your wife go for you when you got home last night?"

"No; for once I was in luck. The people in the flat next door were having a spat and my wife was busy listening."—Boston Transcript.

### Dead Easy.

Her—"Can you foretell your future actions by cards?" Him—"I can if I catch a glimpse of the other fellow's hand."

### Incidental.

"Did you like the pony ballet in that place?"

"No; too much horse play."

Popularity that is sought for selfish reasons only soon becomes unpopular.

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## URGE CAUTION IN TREATING WHEAT

**M. A. C. Finds Concentrated Formaldehyde Prevents Stinking Smut.**

### OVERDOSES ARE DANGEROUS

Method is Perfectly Safe, Avers Coons, If Spray is Applied Exactly as Rules Say.

By DR. G. H. COONS, Department of Botany, Michigan Agricultural College.

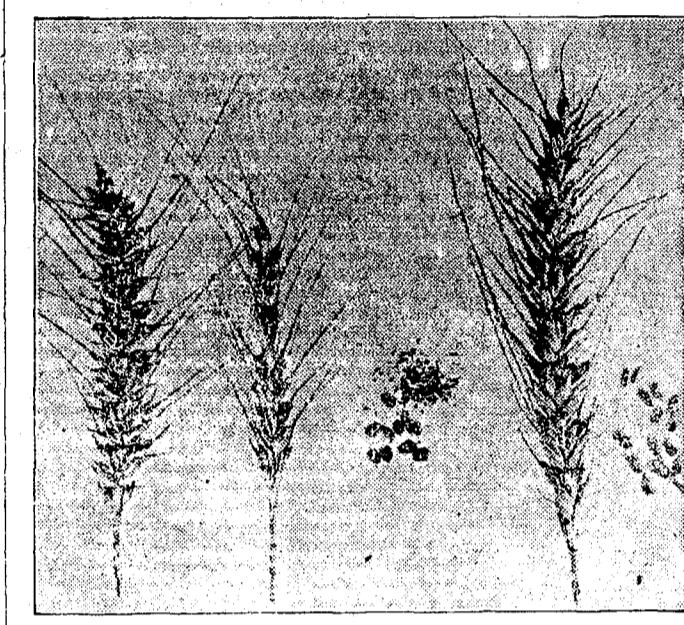
East Lansing, Mich.—With the stress of the war, losses to the cereal crops from preventable smuts are demanding attention. As the result of excellent work by county agents it is encouraging to note that in some counties of the state fully 90 per cent of the oats planted this last year were treated for smut. This unparalleled increase in seed treatment has come about chiefly by a simplification of the method to be used in treatment, whereby through the use of one pint of formaldehyde to 50 bushels of seed grain in a small atomizer a farmer can

Planting, if done immediately after the grain has been covered for the correct time, can take the place of airing. The damp soil is greedy for formaldehyde and will take it up, removing all chance of danger. In North Dakota farmers wet the grain heavily with dilute formaldehyde and then plant immediately, using force-feed drills. This treatment is given in the fields and due allowance for the swollen condition is made.

As formaldehyde is diluted with water its toxicity to wheat increases, so that at one part of formaldehyde to ten parts of water the solution is very injurious. A greater dilution, one part to 100 to 200 of water, the action is still more marked. From that point the toxicity gradually decreases. The effect of formaldehyde diluted one pint to 40 gallons (1 to 320) is slight, provided the action is not carried on too long.

Best to Plant Immediately.

Formaldehyde shows a sort of cumulative action on grain, either when sprayed on the grain as a concentrated solution or when dried upon it as in the wet method. It seems likely that



Smutted Wheat on Left—Healthy Wheat on Right

in a few minutes treat his grain for planting. In this new treatment all wetting of the grain is avoided and after the requisite covering the grain can be planted at once.

But while advances have been made in the fighting of out smut, it is true that in spite of the well-known efficiency of sprinkling wheat with dilute formaldehyde (one pint to 50 gallons of water) to control smacking smut, wheat treatment in Michigan has never been widely adopted by farmers. This has probably come about from the delay that arises in waiting for the wet grain to dry, and in part has arisen from occasional injuries to the stand which have resulted from the improper use of the treatment.

In 1916 Kent county farmers tried

treatment by the same concentrated method as has been found successful for oats. This treatment, as they used it, was extremely successful, the stands being good and the control of smut excellent. Laboratory tests in 1917 and field tests in 1918 with spring wheat have shown that the concentrated method is safe if directions are followed. It is very evident that the concentrated method presents marked advantages as a time and labor saver.

The use of the method in 1917 confirmed abundantly the experience of the Kent county farmers and many fields were treated by this method.

There have been cases, however, where farmers injured their grain by this treatment. Study of typical cases of seed injury has shown that in nearly all instances the injury has arisen from failure to follow directions. The following methods are recommended to use this year, but farmers are cautioned that it is necessary to follow directions closely.

Concentrated Formaldehyde.

Apply formaldehyde, full strength, with hand atomizer while the grain is being shoveled over and over. Use at the rate of one pint to 50 bushels, one-half pint to 25 bushels, one-fifth pint to 10 bushels, etc. A dose is a pint. This is as strong as formaldehyde can safely be used on wheat.

Cover the grain for four hours—absolutely no longer. Then spread to air in a warm, dry place for an hour or two. It is unsafe to leave grain covered or sacked overnight. Formaldehyde cannot be thoroughly aired out of grain, therefore sow at once. Treat no more grain than can be sown the same day.

Dilute Formaldehyde Method.

Sprinkle the grain until thoroughly wet with a solution made with one part of formaldehyde to 40 gallons of water.

Cover with blankets or sacks for two hours.

Spread thinly to dry and sow within 12 hours.

Formaldehyde treatments are necessary for crop protection, but they must be given carefully and with scrupulous attention to directions.

Army Rules for Freshmen.

Freshmen who enroll at M. A. C. this fall will become cogs in the wheels of Uncle Sam's gigantic war machine. For one thing, all the incoming young stars will be required to wear the regulation khaki cadet uniform at least six days of the week, while instead of being allowed to roam at large nights or settled down wherever fancy suits them, they will all be lodged in Wells' hall, the largest of the men's dormitories, and placed under barracks rules—which means that everyone will have to be in quarters and applying themselves to their studies by at least ten o'clock p. m. The fall term of the college will open this year on October 7.

New Disease.

Tubers Suffer From Aphis.

The aphid, or plant louse, has appeared in Michigan potato fields in such numbers this season that a serious loss has been suffered by farmers, the Michigan Agricultural College has learned from its agents in various parts of the state. The aphid is a small, greenish insect which lives on the under side of the potato leaves and sucks

the sap of the plant. It can be controlled by a spray of "Black Leaf 40" or nicotine sulfate," declares Prof. R. H. Pettit, head of the department of entomology of M. A. C. "The Black Leaf 40 or the nicotine sulfate should be used at the rate of one pint to 100 gallons of water, with four pounds of common laundry soap. This spray should be applied so that it will reach the undersides of the leaves. Instructions for making a spray device that will do this can be secured by writing to the department of botany, Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing."

Removes Quickly—Indicates, Soothes, Soothes, etc.

Directions of mail. Write for free sample.

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# "SUGAR SHORTAGE STILL ACUTE"

SEPTEMBER ALLOTMENT FOR  
MICHIGAN SAME AS AUGUST  
CALLING FOR STRICT  
CONSERVATION.

Allied Government Largest Sugar  
Buyers in the world and Abs-  
olutely Control Market and  
Supply.

Lansing, Aug. 22.—"The sugar shortage is still acute and there is no sign of immediate relief," says Food Administrator Geo. A. Prescott. "The best supply will not begin moving for another month and it will probably be November before any relief is possible. The United States Food Administration issued notice that the reduced August figures must stand for September and that there was no use for individual pleadings and appeals for revision. Also, there was no place for new business in the restricted program. The public, however, is in this case, amply able to protect itself by merely co-operating with the Food Administration. Because Mr. Hoover's department is represented on the international committee which is the largest purchasers of sugar in the world, it is able to regulate prices and profit from the factory to the table."

Food Administrator George A. Prescott Says:

We cannot win the war with pop. Soft drinks may not be much of a luxury but they are not a necessity. Men have invested a good deal of money in this line; they are limited to fifty per cent of their former use of sugar and their patrons should abstain from the use of soft drinks insist that the manufacturer use his honey, corn sugar or other substitute in their preparation.

Ice Cream, used as a food, is splendid. Its manufacture utilizes the use of the milk of the country. Used as a luxury, eaten idly for the purpose of entertainment, it is an unnecessary consumption of sugar. People can just as well sit at the table and enjoy a bunch of grapes together or some other fresh fruit as to eat ice cream. It is a custom but we can change it and it will help win the war. In some places this year they had watermelon instead of barbecues. Let us cut down the needless use of sugar.

The need of conservation along this line is just as acute as it has ever been to save wheat. In the wheat campaign we did the undoable and saved 145,000,000 bushels out of our normal consumption. We are now called upon to save 200,000,000 pounds of sugar every month until the beet sugar comes in. We consume it by the spoonful and the undoable will be done again by our people.

The Food Administration has issued a warning that unless we are careful we may have a sugar shortage.

This can be prevented only if each individual uses no more than his share of sugar.

If we think our allotment of sugar is small, let us compare it with the allotment of other countries.

The English may have two pounds of sugar a person each month.

The French may have one pound of sugar a piece each month (when they can get it).

The Italians may have one pound of sugar each month.

There are many ways in which sugar may be saved. By using sweet dried fruits and dates, raisins and figs to sweeten desserts and cereals and in place of candy.

By canning fruits without sugar and by making fruit pastes where the natural sugar will give most of the sweetness.

By omitting sugar from tea, coffee and cereals or if it is used, by mixing it completely with the food and eating all of it.

**SOME GOOD ADVICE.**

**Strengthened by Grayling Experience.**

Kidney disease is too dangerous to neglect. At the first sign of backache, headache, dizziness or urinary disorders, you should give the weakened kidneys prompt attention. Eat little meat, take things easier and use a reliable kidney tonic. There's no other kidney medicine so well recommended as Doan's Kidney Pills. Grayling people rely on them. Here's one of the many statements from Grayling people.

Mrs. Anna Hanson, Chestnut St., says: "Some years ago I was in need of a kidney medicine and as I had heard so much about Doan's Kidney Pills, I got a box at Lewis' Drug Store. They have proved satisfactory, curing me of the complaint. I recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone who is troubled with a weak or lame back or with the kidneys acting irregularly."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Hanson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

**True Meaning of "Boomerang."** Boomerang has beaten all records of words turned inside out. The term does not convey the idea of retribution, as the boomerang returns not at the thrower's peril, but to his further use. No Australian would make that blunder. Colonel Miles, the allied expeditionary forces' chief chaplain during the war, need the term right when he declared: "We are your boomerang, flung out by you to conquer a continent and now returning to your feet for another throw."

## BEAVER CREEK RED CROSS PICNIC.

One of the most delightful occasions for patriotic purposes that has taken place in this county since the beginning of the present war, occurred at the Town Hall in Beaver Creek township last Thursday August 22 when more than two hundred citizens of this township supplemented by visitors from nearly every township in the county. Every one thoroughly enjoyed the splendid dinner provided by the good people of that township. A booth near the doorway dispensed refreshment and the delicious home made ice cream was a reminder of the kind mother used to make. The entire receipts from every source were turned into the Red Cross funds amounting to \$78.00. At two o'clock the assembly was called to order by Melvin A. Bates who had been selected as the chairman of the day. After singing the Star Spangled Banner by the audience Mr. Bates spoke for a few minutes taking for his subject "Pride in the achievement of our Nation, State, County and Township." An appropriate program had been arranged by the young people of Beaver Creek which was carried out in a delightful manner reflecting credit upon every one participating. Mrs. D. J. Peterson of Toledo, Ohio, who is associated with the Red Cross, department of Northwestern Ohio, was present and gave a splendid address on General war matters. This number was greatly appreciated by all and was generously applauded. Hon. T. W. Hanson Chairman of all the County War activities was present and in his usual delightful manner entertained and instructed the audience on war activities "Past, Present, and Future."

A unique athletic feat was accomplished for Red Cross benefit by Mrs. Andrew Mortenson 58 years of age. Standing upon a platform 8 inches above the floor, reaching that distance below her feet and picking up all money deposited on the floor by the audience. Mrs. Mortenson successfully performed the feat picking up \$30.00 for the Red Cross. She was liberally applauded and later challenged any lady 50 years old or over to try the same. Games and races were the order of the day in which enthusiasm and good humor prevailed, several contestants particularly distinguishing themselves, especially Homer Benedict. The evening was spent in dancing which was well attended and enjoyed by all until a late hour, ending a day long to be remembered by all.

Prizes for the field sports were awarded as follows:

BOYS SHOE RACE.  
Earl Herrick, 1st.....\$1.00  
Vernell Joslin, 2nd.....50

GIRLS FIFTY-YARD DASH.  
Hattie Millikin, 1st.....\$1.00  
Elsie Ellis, 2nd.....50

THREE LEGGED RACE.  
Abbie Ellis, Frank Millikin, 1st..\$1.00  
David Visuaw, Lloyd Marlow 2nd ..50

NEEDLE AND THREAD RACE.  
Elmer Myers and Mrs. Homer An-  
nis, 1st.....\$1.00  
Walter Walhs, Genevieve Kile, 2nd ..50

FAT LADIES RACE.  
Mrs. Christofferson, 1st.....\$1.00  
Bertha Skingley, 2nd.....50

TOG OF WAR.  
Between the North and South side  
of the township. South side won.

## HOUSE PASSES DRAFT BILL

**MEN 18 TO 45 WILL BE ENROLLED  
FOR MILITARY SERVICE IN  
SEPTEMBER.**

## FEW CHANGES IN ORIGINAL BILL

**Believed Senate Will Act on Measure  
Before This Week Is Ended—  
Two Object to Bill.**

**Washington.**—The new manpower bill extending the selective draft to all men between the ages of 18 and 45 years was passed by the house with only minor changes in the original draft of the war department. The vote was 335 to 2.

The two negative votes in the house were cast by Representative London, of New York, Socialist, and Representative Gordon, of Ohio, Democrat.

The house reversed its action of in removing the exemption of members of congress and by a vote of 143 to 89 voted down the Gregg amendment to make all congressmen and state legislators amenable to the draft.

Chairman Dent, of the military committee, lost a final fight for the Mc-Keen amendment for separate classification of youths from 18 to 20. The house refused, 191 to 146, to recommit the bill with instructions to reinsert the provision.

The amendment of Representative Madden, of Illinois, to bar government employees from deferred draft classification on account of their employment, was defeated 140 to 18. The vote was taken after an hour's discussion. Representative Reaves, of Nebraska, said civilians studying mustard gas at the bureau of standards were producing a gas that would be far more effective than that used by the Germans.

An amendment by Representative Smith, of New York, to exempt from draft police officers in cities of 500,000 or more population, was rejected.

A "work or fight" amendment proposed by Representative Black, of Texas, similar to the one added to the bill by the senate committee but modified to meet objections of organized labor, was rejected by a vote of 91 to 52.

**Filter Peanut Oil.**

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## Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, AUG. 29

Miss Dorothy Peterson is visiting friends in Detroit until school commences.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brady, Jr., are the parents of a baby son born to them Monday, July 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Schreck of Gladwin are spending the week with their son, C. J. Schreck and family.

Mrs. Howard and children returned Tuesday from Rose City, where they have been spending their vacation.

Charles McCullough, who was called here by the serious illness of his father, returned to Detroit Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus McPhee entertained the former's niece Miss Anna McPhee of Cheboygan over Sunday last.

Miss Ferne Armstrong is the new book-keeper at the Grayling Box Co. at T-Town to succeed Miss Laura Simpson.

Mr. Frank Robbins, formerly Miss Myrtha Pond of Detroit has been spending a few days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pond.

The Mrs. Marius and Esbern Hanson entertained at a luncheon at Higgins lake Wednesday afternoon. The ladies motored to the lake and enjoyed the afternoon very much.

Special sale on Ladies and Children's Shoes. Extra good values at low prices. The sale is on now, so come and see what we have to offer you.

Harvey Burrows and family have moved to Racine, Wisconsin. Mr. Burrows has a position as manager of one of the markets for the New York Market Co.

The fire department responded to a call from the South side district Tuesday morning. They found the fire at the home of William Williams, caused by a defective chimney.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Shanahan received a letter from their son Edmund, that he had written while on his trip across the Atlantic. He is with the 85th Division now in France.

"My Four Years in Germany" by Ambassador James W. Gerard will be shown at the Grayling Opera house next Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 9 and 10. Don't fail seeing this play.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Johnson have been entertaining the latter's mother Mrs. Fralick of Copemish. Mrs. Johnson's sister and little daughter of Detroit were also here for a few days last week.

**Farmers.**

Protect your grain. We will insure it against fire, whether in field or barn at reasonable rates.

Geo. L. Alexander & Son.

James Lamont of Bay City was in the city over last Sunday, visiting relatives, and returned home Monday, accompanied by his sons Melvin and Orval, who have been here for a couple of weeks.

S. S. Phelps, Jr., arrived from Detroit this morning to join his family here and spend a few days visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Phelps and children have been here for a couple of weeks, and will return home the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lamont and son Kenneth of Bay City, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lamont and other relatives in the city. Last evening Mrs. Allyn Kidston entertained with a dinner at Lake Margrethe; and Saturday evening Miss Margaret Joseph was hostess at a similar affair. These were informal functions and just the classmates of Miss Walton were present.

In his book, "My Four Years in Germany" Ambassador James W. Gerard gave to the English-speaking world a document of vital import and unusual interest, primarily showing the reasons why America could do nothing else but go to war. The motion picture adaptation gives to the screen the outstanding incidents of the book. See this wonderful production at the Opera house Monday and Tuesday evenings, September 9 and 10.

Through the generosity of our band a dance was given for the benefit of the Red Cross, Thursday evening at the Officers' club house at Lake Margrethe. A goodly number of people responded to the invitation and at nine o'clock the floor was well filled. Everyone had a good time and the proceeds netted the Red Cross the splendid sum of \$56.50. Mrs. L. J. Kraus donated three bouquets of gladiolas and these were auctioned off at the party, and brought the neat sum of \$8.50 which was also turned over to the Red Cross.

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Little Edna Brady, of Saginaw is visiting her aunt Mrs. M. Shanahan and family.

Ella Cross from the northern part of Michigan is a guest at the A. Trudeau home.

John Brady Sr., who makes his home with his son here, is visiting relatives in Mackinaw City.

Mrs. Lloyd Gierke and children returned Monday from a week's outing at Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clarkson and children of Lovells are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jensen.

Mrs. Hattie Rasmussen has resigned her position as book-keeper in the Salling Hanson Co. Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nelson of Lewiston were guests at the home of Hans Petersen a couple of days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hammond of the South Side are the happy parents of a baby son, born to them last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larson and family of Johannesburg have been visiting at the Hans Petersen home for a few days.

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